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## Dan Gutman

### Shoeless Joe & Me (Baseball Card Adventures #4)



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## Description

When Joe Stoshack hears about Shoeless Joe Jackson -- and the gambling scandal that destroyed the star player's career -- he knows what he has to do. If he travels back in time with a 1919 baseball card in his hand, he just might be able to prevent the infamous Black Sox Scandal from ever taking place. And if he could do that, Shoeless Joe Jackson would finally take his rightful place in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

But can Stosh prevent that tempting envelope full of money from making its way to Shoeless Joe's hotel room before the big game?

## Insightful reviews

Zaid Ahmed: Stosh, a boy who wants to prove Joe Jackson, an amazing baseball player whose signature costs \$500,000, innocent. but as soon as he reaches he is caught listening to gangsters. so he finds a way to get to Joe Jackson. Then he tells Joe Jackson not to accept the bribe, so he replies I would never play for money.

The theme of the story is that the innocent should be justified.

Kate Schwarz: This Baseball Card Adventure series is just fantastic. The more I think about them and the more in the series that I read, the more I like them. They are interesting stories with true, interesting male ball players (that is a downside, but more of that in a minute) set in America with a fictional twist that makes all the facts more inviting. The age range is 8 to 12 but Ben, nearly 6, has been enjoying listening to me read them aloud to him for the past 6 months. The books are so great that his sister Lorelei has begun to read with us and read by herself the ones Ben and I read earlier in the summer when she thought that baseball books weren't her thing. So even though these are "heavily boy" books, they are not--they tell human tales, and shouldn't boys and girls both know about this kind of stuff?

Shoeless Joe is a character special to us because my Grandpa K played baseball against and with him when my Grandpa played in the minor leagues in Erie, PA. (He could have gone to the majors but enlisted when WWII broke out instead, then returned to marry his sweetheart and took a more "honest" job than baseball to support her and their family. But that's another story.) I've grown up hearing his name thrown about but it wasn't until I had a baseball-crazy son of my own that I got interested in learning the history of the sport.

In the book, Stosh goes back in time to try and undo the Black Sox Scandal, of which Shoeless Joe was a part (or was he?! more on that later too). Stosh gets in a few dangerous situations but he risks life and limb to save one of his heroes, Joe. Talking to Ben about the scandal--he knew about it but this book went into more details--was just fantastic. Why would someone want to throw a game? How does gambling work? Why would these guys bully Joe into participating in the fix? These questions and the conversations make me love being a parent. Talking about all this bad stuff in the safety of a lap or bedroom or whatever safe spot you read with your kids in, helps prepare them for the reality of life, I think.

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Anyway, the big lesson in this book is that life isn't fair. I say that to my trio all the time--they know it's true because with three kids there is a lot of unfairness going on most days in our house. But Gutman uses my words exactly "It all evens out in the long run." I loved that my kids were getting that message from someone other than me. The unfair lesson is, not to spoil the punchline, that Joe and 7 other players were banded from professional baseball because they were part of the scandal. Despite the fact that Joe never met with any of the swindlers. Despite the fact that he refused the money and to participate twice. Despite the fact that he never was in any meetings with the players who participated in the fix. Despite the fact that he asked to be benched. Despite the fact that he had a fantastic World Series that year--better than anyone else. It was a good lesson.

#### Max W: Plot Summary:

Joe "Stosh" Stoshack is taking another trip back into time. This trip he is going to see "Shoeless" Joe Jackson a part of the Chicago Black Sox in 1919 and, yes I said the Black Sox. In 1919 there was a scandal involving the Black Sox in the World Series. All the players on the Black Sox were banned from the league for the rest of there lives. So Stosh is trying to stop the scandal from happening. When he asks his mom if he can go back. She asks "What year was that?" "1919" Stosh says." Why don't you get me a picture of your great grandma for me huh," She says. Stosh says "Sure." Read more to find out.

#### Main characters:

Joe Stoshack (dynamic character): He is an absolutely great baseball player and he is just kind hearted. He also has a special power he can travel through time using baseball. He gets a tingling sensation in his hands, and he describes it as the feeling you get when you touch a TV screen.

Joe Jackson: He is an odd character he doesn't know how to read or write. He also names all of his bats like "Black Betsy" that's Joe's favorite. He had gotten his nickname from the minors. As he says in the book "Ah had blisters on my feet so ah went shoeless."

#### Key issues:

Gambling, throwing games, threats, and mobsters/

#### Other Info:

I gave this book this high of rating because I thought it was a very good book.

My personal reactions were great I thought this had a great topic.

Who do I think will like this book any person that likes a good sports book because this book appeals to many sports.

Ryan Agresta: This publication used to be one among my favourite activities booklet i have ever read. i like baseball and attending to find out about it again within the olden days was once lovely interesting. every little thing used to be so diverse approximately baseball a hundred years ago. scorching canine merely costed a nickel and global sequence tickets have been effortless to get and intensely cheap. This ebook had little or no flaws yet what i did not like was once how the most personality may time travel. Its very unrealistic and makes the publication much less interesting. If he grew up within the early 1900s than it can were extra plausible and interesting.

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Andrew: Shoeless Joe and me by way of Dan Gutman-historical fiction. Shoeless Joe and me is ready how a boy desires to return in time to avoid the Black Sox Scandal. yet he finally ends up doing that because he does a totally diversified challenge whilst he's on the baseball stadium. while he comes home he reveals out the results of doing what he did. simply because what you do some time past is going to the future. I rated this ebook a 5 out of 5 simply because this ebook continually had you on edge. This ebook additionally had many various turning issues in order that made it very interesting.

Doug Rogers: during this story, a child named Joe Stoshack has an influence to commute via time with baseball cards. He can visit the 12 months at the card. during this book, he is going again to 1919 to fulfill "Shoeless Joe" Jackson and attempts to alter historical past via attempting to hinder the Black Sox Scandal from happening, and to get a 500,000 buck Shoeless Joe autograph to avoid wasting his favourite Baseball Card shop from going out of business. learn this booklet to determine if he succeeds!Overall, a superb publication to read. This publication is ment for people with a few realizing of baseball and it is history. it can be a stretch for those who don't pay a lot recognition to baseball, yet hey, provide it a chance. I provide this publication a three out of five \*stars\*

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